

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 153.21, the Dental Board amends Chapter 12, “Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments allow applicants applying for licensure by examination to take the same nationally recognized regional examinations currently accepted for applicants who apply for licensure by credentials; require applicants to take all parts of the examination offered by each respective testing agency; require applicants to follow the policies and procedures of each respective testing agency; require applicants to attain a grade of not less than 75 percent on each clinical portion and on the written portion of the examinations; and strike language that is outdated.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 31, 2016, as **ARC 2700C**. A public hearing was held on September 21, 2016, at 2 p.m. at the office of the Dental Board. One attendee was present, Emily Boge, Dental Administrative Chair from Hawkeye Community College. Ms. Boge stated that she was supportive of the amendments. Written comments were received from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics, the Iowa Dental Association, the Iowa Dental Hygiene Association and Dr. Howard Cohen. All entities expressed support for the amendments.

These amendments differ from those originally published under Notice as they now clarify that applicants must attain a minimum grade of 75 percent on the examinations.

The Board reviewed and discussed the amendments during its October 13, 2016, open-session meeting and allowed additional comments from the public. These amendments were approved by the Board on October 13, 2016.

These amendments are subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 650—Chapter 7.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 147.36.

These amendments will become effective on January 25, 2017.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 650—12.1(147,153) as follows:

650—12.1(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dentistry.

~~12.1(1) Completion of regional clinical examination required.~~

~~a.—CRDTS accepted for licensure by examination. To meet the requirements for dental licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).~~

~~b.—Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011. An applicant who has successfully passed the WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination.~~

12.1(2) 12.1(1) Compliance with regional clinical examination testing requirements and procedures.

~~a.—CRDTS: Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. each respective testing agency. Examinees must take all parts offered by the respective testing agency.~~

~~b.—Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011. Examinees who have completed the WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011, shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by WREB or ADEX.~~

12.1(3) 12.1(2) Scoring requirements. The examinee must attain a grade of not less than 75 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and on the written portion of the examination.

~~a.—Prior to April 1, 1995, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 70 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 70 percent on the written portion of the examination.~~

~~b. Between April 1, 1995, and December 31, 2000, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 75 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 75 percent on the written portion of the examination.~~

~~c. Between January 1, 2001, and June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by ADEX, CRDTS, or WREB.~~

~~d. Post June 22, 2011, and special transition period.~~

~~(1) Effective June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS.~~

~~(2) Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB or ADEX examination by September 1, 2011, must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by WREB or ADEX.~~

~~12.1(4) 12.1(3) Compliance with performance clinical operations requirements.~~

~~a. Each examinee shall be required to perform such clinical operations as may be required by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. each respective testing agency, for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dentistry.~~

~~b. Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB or ADEX examination by September 1, 2011, shall be required to perform such clinical operations as may be required by WREB or ADEX for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dentistry.~~

~~12.1(5) Clinical examinations accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The board is authorized by 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 153.21 to establish the regional or national testing service examinations that will be accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of application for licensure by credentials submitted pursuant to 650 Chapter 11: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB), and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA).~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 12.2(1) as follows:

12.2(1) Method of counting failures.

~~a. Integrated format. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by CRDTS each respective testing agency. A dental examinee who has not passed all five parts of the integrated examination format by June 30 following graduation from dental school shall have one examination failure recorded. The dental examinee must then retake all five parts of the examination in the traditional format.~~

~~b. Traditional format. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by CRDTS. A dental examinee who fails one or more parts of the examination shall have one examination failure recorded. A dental examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. A dental examinee who has not passed all five parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.~~

~~c. A dental examinee who has two examination failures in the traditional format will be required to complete remedial education requirements set forth in subrule 12.2(2).~~

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **12.2(2)“b”** as follows:

~~b. A dental examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, a dental examinee who has not passed all five parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination. The dental examinee shall refer to the policies of each respective testing agency to determine applicable time frames.~~

ITEM 4. Amend paragraph **12.2(3)“b”** as follows:

~~b. At the fourth examination, the dental examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, a dental examinee who has not passed all five parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.~~

The dental examinee shall refer to the policies of each respective testing agency to determine applicable time frames.

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 12.2(5) as follows:

12.2(5) Failures of other examinations. If a dental examinee applies for ~~the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.,~~ an examination after having failed any other state or regional examination examinations, the failure shall be considered a CRDTS failure counted for the purposes of retakes.

ITEM 6. Amend rule 650—12.3(147,153) as follows:

650—12.3(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dental hygiene.

~~12.3(1) Completion of regional clinical examination required.~~

~~a.—CRDTS accepted for licensure by examination. To meet the requirements for dental hygiene licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.~~

~~b.—Special transition period for dentists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011. An applicant who has successfully passed the WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination.~~

~~12.3(2) 12.3(1) Compliance with regional clinical examination testing requirements and procedures.~~

~~a.—CRDTS: Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc each respective testing agency. Examinees must take all parts offered by the respective testing agency.~~

~~b.—Special transition period for dentists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011, shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by WREB.~~

~~12.3(3) 12.3(2) Scoring requirements. The examinee must attain a grade of not less than 75 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and on the written portion of the examination.~~

~~a.—Prior to December 31, 2003, the examinee must attain an average grade of 70 percent on the examination.~~

~~b.—Between January 1, 2004, and June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS or WREB.~~

~~c.—Post June 22, 2011, and special transition period.~~

~~(1) Effective June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS.~~

~~(2) Special transition period for dental hygienists passing WREB. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB examination by September 1, 2011, must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by WREB.~~

~~12.3(4) 12.3(3) Practical demonstrations. Each examinee shall be required to perform such practical demonstrations as may be required by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., each respective testing agency for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dental hygiene.~~

~~12.3(5) Clinical examinations accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The board is authorized by 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 153.21 to establish the regional or national testing service examinations that will be accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of application for licensure by credentials submitted pursuant to 650—Chapter 11: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB), and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA).~~

ITEM 7. Amend paragraph **12.4(1)“a”** as follows:

a. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by CRDTS each respective testing agency.

ITEM 8. Rescind paragraph **12.4(1)“b.”**

ITEM 9. Reletter paragraph **12.4(1)“c”** as **12.4(1)“b.”**

ITEM 10. Amend subrule 12.4(5) as follows:

12.4(5) Failures of other examinations. If a dental hygiene examinee applies for ~~the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.~~ an examination after having failed any other state or regional ~~examination examinations~~, the failure shall be ~~considered a CRDTS failure~~ counted for the purposes of retakes.

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